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TITLE OF INVENTION: AUTOMATIC GAIN CONTROL USING SIGNAL AND INTERFERENCE POWER TO OBTAIN EXTENDED BLOCKING PERFORMANCE

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Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b) (application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

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Applicant(s)

RAZZELL, CHARLES

Examiner

CHARLES CHOW

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 1/6/2009.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 10-20.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-946)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
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4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

Detailed Action

1. This office action is for amendment received on 1/6/2009.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 10-20 are allowable over the prior art of record. The prior arts fail to teach the allowable features, singly, particularly, or in combination or rendering obviousness.

Applicant has canceled rejected claims 1-9 and leave the allowable claims 10-20 mailed in last final office action on 11/13/2008.

The cited prior arts fail to teach the allowable limitations in the amended independent claims 10, 12, 15, such as limitations underlined in claim 10 in below :

Claim 10, (Previously Presented) A method of preventing saturation of a sigma-delta A/D converter in a radio receiver having digital channel selectivity circuitry for selecting a digital channel and decode data from the selected channel, comprising:

obtaining wideband power estimations taken from a digital signal prior to the digital channel selectivity circuit and narrow-band power estimations taken from the digital signal after the digital channel selectivity circuit;

reducing an amplifier gain of a first one of a plurality of amplifiers in response to one of the wide-band power estimations being greater than a first predetermined value; and

in response to another of the wide-band power estimations not being greater than the first predetermined value, reducing the gain of at least one of the plurality of amplifiers in response to one of the narrow-band power estimations being greater than a second predetermined value.

The dependent claims are also allowable due to their dependency upon the allowable independent claims above and the having additional claimed features.

The closest prior art, **Smith et al. [US 6,512,472 B1]**, teaches the ADC 114 coupled to digital processing portion, direct down DDC 118 & demodulator 120, the controller 116 measures signal power level of the samples from ADC 114, for the plural, wide, frequency bands, by adjusting the cutoff frequency of the filters 106/108

& controlling the gain of amplifier 112 in front of the ADC 114, to avoid the signal level clipping [col. 4, line 31 to col. 5, line 8 & abstract], but fails to teach the above allowable limitations.

Pakravan et al. [US 6,259,391 B1] teaches the total power estimator 42, at the output of A/D converter 34, measures the total power at the input of the A/D 34, for controlling the gain of AGC 23, to prevent the maximum signal level inputting to the A/D 34, & to adjust the amplitude of the received signal via AGC 23 [Fig. 5 & col. 8, line 49 to col. 9, line 21], but fails to teach the above allowable limitations.

Other prior arts in below are also considered, but they fail to teach the above allowable features.

Abbey [US 6,151,354] teaches the sigma-delta A/D converter that includes a decimation and filtering processing chain [the sigma-delta A/D 106 in Fig. 5, the decimation filter 108, the low pass filter 110 & the average peak detection 121, all together, for the claimed sigma-delta A/d converter].

Van Bezooijen et al. [US 7,233,631 B2] teaches the DC level offset detection at 15-1 is positioned in between DFI and filter 17-1, & having an amplitude detection 19 [in the single Figure & its corresponding description].

Takatyz [US 7,046,749 B2] teaches a method of operating a radio receiver [Fig. 1, Fig. 5A-5C & its description in specification, claims 1, 6-7] having a plurality of serially coupled variable gain amplifiers [VGA1 to VGA3, Fig. 5A], and a digital portion [15] that performs, at least partially, a frequency selectivity function [digital filter 17-I, 17-Q, Fig. 1, 160-I/160q in Fig. 5B & its description in specification].

Others are: **Masumoto et al. [US 2003/0027,538 A1], Rimini et al [US**

6,836,647 B2], Groe [US 7,054,605 B1], Parssinen et al. [US 2003/0078,007 A1], Yamanaka et al [US 2001/0053,680 A1], Gu [US 6,950,641 B2], Hughes [US 2003/0207,674 A1], Ciccarelli et al. [US 6,498,926 B1], Husted et al. [US 2003/0012,313 A1].

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Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Charles C. Chow whose telephone number is (571) 272-7889. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00am-5:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward Urban can be reached on (571) 272-7899. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system.

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Supervisory Patent Examiner, Art Unit 2618